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X In accordance with the Duty of Disclosure, Applicant(s) submit(s) herewith a copy of Foreign Search Report in a counterpart application and copies of the reference(s) indicated therein.

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- \_\_\_ Attached hereto are copies of references cited which may be pertinent to this application. Since the references are in the English language, no statement of relevancy is submitted.
- \_\_\_ Attached hereto is a copy of the Office Action issued in the corresponding German application, together with a translation thereof and copies of the references cited therein. A list of the cited references is also attached.
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- \_\_\_ Attached hereto is a Statement of Relevancy and copies of references cited therein.
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